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1. A severe food shortage is reported to exist in Transylvania and the Banat, particularly in the fifty-kilometer zone along the Rumanian frontier. In some instances persons living in Timiscara have gone to Bucharest to purchase vegetables for winter storage.
2. Service in restaurants in these areas is restricted to holders of food cards.
3. State food stores in Bucharest rarely have sugar in stock and are unable to supply canned foods and cheeses. Employees of the central office of the state food stores ascribe the shortages in Bucharest to requisitioning by the Soviet authorities.

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